THE

CASE

Of many HUNDREDS

OF

Poor Engliſh-Captives,

IN

ALGIER,

TOGETHER,

With ſome Remedies

To Prevent their Increaſe, Humbly Repreſented to

Both HOUSES of

PARLIAMENT.

THat there hath been taken, ſince their laſt breach with us, not leſs than an Hundred and Forty Sail of Ships and other Veſſels, many of them being richly laden, beſides the great Advance they make upon the perſons they take, there being at this time upwards of 1500, (beſides many Hundreds who have Dyed there of the Plague,) who ſuffer and undergo moſt miſerable Slavery, put to dayly extream and difficult Labour, but a poor ſupply of Bread and Water for their Food, ſtripped of their Cloaths and covering, and their Lodging on the cold Stones and Bricks; but what is more, their extream hard and ſavage lading them ſometimes with great burthens of Chains, and ſhut up in noiſome places, commonly adding ſome hundreds of blows on their bare feet, forcing out the very Blood, and ſometimes on the Back, ſometimes on the Belly, and ſometimes on them all, inſomuch that many are long decripit, ſome for ever, and ſome dying under their hands. But above all, is their frequent forcing of Men and Boys by their execrable *Sodomy*, alſo their inhumane abuſes and force to the Bodies of Women and Girls, frequently attempting *Sodomy* on them alſo, ſome of whom both Males and Females have been ſo abuſed as hardly to eſcape with their Lives; All which Uſage is ſo notoriouſly known by thoſe who have been redeemed thence, that it needs no proof.

Firſt,

AND *First*, It is apparent that that Promoters of all the inhumane usage of Christians, are principally the *Jews* there Inhabiting, there being hardly any one Vessel of those cruel Pyrates, but the owners thereof are for a great part *Jews*.

Secondly, It is apparent also, that all those ill-gotten Ships and Goods which they so barbarously Rob and take from the *English*-Merchants and Marriners, (to the great Impoverishing of this Nation) the *Jews* are the constant Buyers of, and so of the *English*-Captives, there being few Slaves in *Algier*, but a *Jew* is their Patroon, or else hath at least a share in them.

Thirdly, It is further evident that the *Jews* are the chief Instigators of the *Turks* and *Moors* to make those poor Christian-Captives to deny their Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ; and it is they who incourage such on whom they so prevail to turn Runnagadoes, and prefer them to commands and Office in their Pyratical ships.

Fourthly, That it is the *Jews* who inhaunce the price of Christian souls, by Buying them at small Rates, and then exacting great summs for their Redemption, quite contrary to their usage at the taking of *Jerusalem*, when Thirty *Jews* were sold for a Groat, and possibly the Christians might now be Redeemed at much lower Rates, were it not for the *Jews* who buy them, and do now exact a Thousand pound for the Redemption of one Captive, when possibly he, nor any of his Relations, are not worth half the value.

Fifthly, That the Jews are those who stir up the *Turks* and *Moors*, so to beat and abuse poor Captives, they not daring to do it themselves, for fear their Blows should be returned upon them again; so that the Natives of the place are but meer Vassals and Slaves to the Jews, and for the Lucre of their Money do Execute all their Cruel and Bloody Designs and projects both abroad and at home; all which will be abundantly proved by many Witnesses, when ever they shall be called thereunto.

Sixthly, It is much to be feared that the *Jews* in *Algier*, have too great correspondency with and countenance from the *Jews* here in *England*, and that by their means it is that they in *Algier* have always Lists of all our *English* ships, especially of the Fleets coming from any of His Majesties Plantations abroad, and of the very time they are expected to go out or return, with a perfect Account of the quality and condition of all Merchants and passengers aboard, if any such there be, by which means they exact such great summs as aforesaid.

And this may further appear when it is considered how little the Dammage is, as well to *England* as to all other parts of *Christendom* by *Tripoly* or *Tunis*, when ever they make any breach upon us; the true reason whereof is, the paucity and poverty of the *Jews* in those places. And therefore for a Remedy hereof, It is humbly proposed to the Consideration of both Houses of *Parliament*, one or both of these Two ways following.

First, By the Destruction of this Town of *Algier* (the *Pest* of *Christendom*) and that with no great Force and Charge may be totally Demolished, with their Mould and Fortifications, as may be easily Demonstrated were there but a due Incouragement given to such as are willing to Undertake the same.

Secondly,

Secondly, Or to make a Law, That whatever Damage or Loſs the *Engliſh* ſhall ſuſtain by means or procurement of the Jews in *Algier* or elſewhere, it ſhall be required and made good to the Looſers out of the Eſtates of the Jews here in *England*. Which is Humbly offered for theſe Reaſons.

Firſt, Becauſe ſuch a Law may ſave a great Expence of Treaſure, and alſo of Chriſtian Blood, which this Nation hath ſadly felt, and may Effect that Peace and Tranquility to the *Engliſh* Traders which hitherto Force hath not done.

Secondly, Becauſe the Jews have here the full Exerciſe of their Falſe and pernicious Religion and Worſhip, whilſt thouſands of poor *Proteſtant* Chriſtians differing in no point from the Doctrine of the Church of *England*, are daily haraſed and undone, to the great joy and Laughter of the Jews, ſeeing Chriſtians thus tear and moleſt one another, whilſt themſelves are projecting to deſtroy us all abroad, and eating up the Trade of our Engliſh Merchants at home.

Thirdly, The Charity of this Nation may be Imployed on other Good Occaſions, which is now Collected for the Redemption of CAPTIVES, for that it is rather an Incouragement to thoſe JEWS of *Algier* Vigorouſly to proceed in their Rapines and Robberies, when they ſhall ſee the Charity of a whole Nation made Uſe of to raiſe Money for the ſatisfying their Inhumane Exactions on poor Chriſtians, and may be eaſily ſuppoſed rather to raiſe the Price of their Redemption, then to Leſſen it.

Fourthly, It is but *Jus gentium* when a Nation ſuffers by one ſort of People, That Reparation and Satisfaction be required of any others of that ſort of People wherever they may be found in our Power, for on this Principle onely is grounded all Letters of Mart and Repriſal granted by Kings and States. Moreover, it is verily believed, That the JEWS in all places are in a Combination and Society whereby they have Influence on the Proceedings of all JEWS in what place ſoever, and ſhares in their Profit and Loſs.

Fifthly, The very Terror of ſuch a Law would Ingage thoſe Jews in other more Honeſt Courſes than this of Inriching themſelves by the Ruine and Deſtruction of poor Chriſtians.

Sixthly, If this or ſome other Courſe be not Effectually taken, thoſe Jews of *Algier* will by their Robberies and Spoil ſo Inrich themſelves, as to be able to ſet forth ſuch Fleets as ſhall Match or Cope with any of our Kings of *Chriſtendom*; witneſs, their great and Unparalel'd Boldneſs of daring to come not onely on our Coaſt, but even into our very Channels, to the Ignominy of our Nation, and in Deſpite and contempt of His Majeſty, who is undoubtedly Soveraign of the Narrow Seas.

Seventhly, By theſe means other Princes and States may by our Example take the ſame Meaſures, and make the ſame Law, whereby much Treaſure may be ſaved, which is very often ſpent in maintaining Fleets in the *Mediteranean* Seas; witneſs, that of His Majeſty of *Great Brittain*.

Eighthly, It is more than probable that by this means His Majeſty may more peaceably Injoy his Right in *Tangier*, which hath been ſo Expenſive to him; for that that War is undoubtedly promoted and Abetted by the Jews of *Algier*, who by their Purſe aſſiſt that Barbarous King both with Men, Money, and Amunition; and will be able on all Occaſions ſtill to do the ſame, if ſome effectual Courſe be not taken to prevent it.

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